



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

July 2021

2021 – 2022 Officers

President

Mary Anne S. Toledano, BS, BSN, RN, CNOR

maryanne.toledano@ochsner.org

President-elect

Roxanne McNally, BSN, RN

rleblanc4@gmail.com

Vice President

Sharon Guardina, BSN, RN, CNOR

sguardina@att.net

Secretary

Rochelle Cazaubon, BSN, RN, CNOR

Rochelle.cazaubon@lcmchealth.org

Treasurer

Bobbi Carew, RN

Bobbi.carew@ochsner.org

Board of Directors:

(2020-2022)

Melissa Guidry, RN, MPH, CNOR

guidrymelissa@yahoo.com

Elaine Stock, RN, BSN, BA, CNOR

ehelena76@icloud.com

Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Gw_nat@bellsouth.net

(2021-2023)

Nora Lambert, BSN, RN, CNOR

DIXIELANDCATZ@HOTMAIL.COM

Sheila Ostrow, RN, CNOR, CRNFA

Sheila.ostrow@gmail.com

Nominating & Leadership Development

Judy Montello, BSHCA, RN, CNOR

Judy.Montello@lcmchealth.org

Kim Conway, MHA, BSN, RN-BC

kimcon@bellsouth.net

Kristi Guillot, RN

Kristi.guillot@lcmchealth.org

LA State Council Liaison:

Sharon Guardina, BSN, RN, CNOR

sguardina@att.net

Newsletter Editor

Mary Anne Toledano, BS, BSN, RN, CNOR

matoledano@outlook.com

Webmaster

Ramie K. Miller, MSN, RN, CNOR

ramiemiller@yahoo.com

President's Message

Hello Members,

In June I was installed as the chapter president for the next year. I am so excited to be your president. With the board of directors, officers, and all of **you**, we will have a great year.

First, let me congratulate our new chapter officers:

President-elect: Roxanne McNally

Treasurer: Bobbi Carew

BOD: Nora Lambert, Sheila Ostrow

Nominating Committee Chair: Judy Montello

Nominating Committee: Kristi Guillot

The returning officers are Sharon Guardina, Rochelle Cazaubon, Elaine Stock and Nathalie Walker. Thank you all for your service to this chapter.

A big thank you to Ethicon and Kim Gambino for graciously sponsoring our banquet at QuarterView Restaurant in Metairie. It was a great evening.

My theme this year is **“Stronger Together.”** We can conquer all things when we are united. As nurses and as chapter members, we have an obligation to mentor and serve others. I encourage you to bring someone new with you to the meetings. Recruiting more members will be one initiative I plan to focus on this year. I know how much I have benefitted from

being a member of this chapter, and I hope to show other OR nurses how much they are missing. It will require a group effort to add new members. There will be more information to come on that. Stay tuned.

With the slowing of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am hoping to be able to have more face-to-face meetings. The Zoom meetings were wonderful and will continue when possible, but I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. Life will slowly get back to normal. If anyone wants to host a chapter meeting please let me know. The schedule for the year will be set at the board of directors meeting on July 17th. All members are welcome to attend. It will be at Ochsner on Jeff Hwy from 10 AM to 2 PM. Details are on the next page.

In August the chapter will be sending nine delegates to the Surgical Conference and Expo in Orlando. It's always a great learning experience. If you are interested in being a delegate in March 2022 please let me know. We will be discussing the March delegates before you know it.

Stay safe and have a great summer!

Mary Anne



Installation Banquet at Quarter View Restaurant



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2020-2021

July 17th (Saturday), 10AM-2PM,
Board of Directors Meeting,
Ochsner Jeff Hwy, Caldwell-
Burns, 2nd floor (Brent House
Conference Center), **all are
welcome**. Park in the garage and
go to the 2nd floor.

Meetings for 2021-2022 TBA

*Per member request,
we have a
new meeting time:
5 PM
ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless
otherwise noted*

Scan QR Code for Chapter Web Site



Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Advocacy is a very important part of your professional growth and practice.

The AORN Guidelines are open for public comment on a rotating basis as they are updated. This allows for you to review the Guideline before is approved and published. Please click on Guidelines Open for Public Comments - AORN and take an active role in this process to ensure the Guidelines meet your needs. Guideline for Surgical Smoke Safety is open for review and public comment, June 17, 2021 This document provides guidance to the Download the Public Commenting Guide. Add Your Comments perioperative team on surgical smoke safety precautions to support the perioperative team in establishing a safe environment for both surgical patients and team members through consistent use of control measures. The public comment period closes July 19th. Comments received after this date will not be considered in the final review. Thank you for your consideration.

AORN Fights for What Matters

Each year the AORN board of directors establishes a policy agenda based on recommendations from the National Legislative Forum. The Government Affairs team pursues these goals in legislative and regulatory arenas nationwide.

Our team collaborates with health care colleagues, organizations, and decision-makers to advance patient safety and health care improvements in all operative settings, but we don't endorse specific candidates.

Current Policy Agenda

•HEALTH EQUITY

Improving surgical outcomes requires more equitable care delivery and institutional investment in the safety and well-being of all care providers. AORN urges extraordinary action to curb and eliminate all disparities within current models of care.

•SAFE CARE DELIVERY

Perioperative nurses and surgical teams require essential PPE, public health readiness, and adequate mental health support and compensation for nursing services to deliver safe care to all patients at all times, and especially during national emergencies.

•SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION

AORN leads efforts to enact laws requiring facilities to adopt and implement policies addressing evacuation of surgical smoke for all smoke-generating procedures to eliminate ongoing exposure to the hazardous carcinogenic and mutagenic cells contained in surgical smoke and to ensure the health and safety of all surgical team members.

•SAFETY AND SUPPORT: FOR PATIENTS AND PERIOPERATIVE NURSES

We encourage legislative and regulatory efforts to establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting, including robust whistleblower protections for health care providers and mandatory reporting of safety incidences, such as surgical site infections and wrong site surgery. In addition to surgical smoke-free operating rooms, perioperative nurses deserve fatigue prevention resources, strong workplace violence protections, and safe patient handling programs focused on injury prevention.

Continued on page 9

Membership Information

Total Members – 230

Student Members – 1

Standard – 155

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr – 29

Retired – 8

Associate – 3

When you renew, please check your membership status on “My AORN” to see that it states “Chapter 1902”.

And bring a new nurse to the chapter meetings. We are always recruiting new members to our chapter.

Member Resources

 <http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.

<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Membership due to Lapse

Membership expires on the last day of your renewal month. Here is a reminder that your membership expiration is in the near future:

June

Elise Bourgeois
Ann Burghardt-Dieck
Jacob Doll
Fran Eppinette
Alexi Felmlee
Amanda Parenti
Marilyn Puerto
Kourtney Shelby
Sarah Smith
Amanda Talbott
Shannon Watson
Madeline Wiche

July

Angela Bye
Jamie Conzelmann
Rebecca Frey
Kristi Guillot
Shirley Himel
Nancy Iovino
Johana Lagos
Phylis Panquerne
Dianne Taylor

August

Amy Deli
Terri Kinler
Robin Malach
Aejay Pecquet

September

Chantel Allen
Kathleen Blanchard
Candi Blandin
Kay Bourg
Roxane Elliott
Michelle Haydel
Angela Howell
Katherine Jones
Ashley Kelley
Haley LeBlanc
Doreen Lentz
Victoria Mons
Judith Montello
Martha Peltier
Gretchen Sagona
Allison Schutz
Tracey Tonsmeire



Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902 Installation Banquet

June 16, 2021 1915

Kim Gambino & Stacie Maratha with Ethicon sponsored at QuarterView Restaurant with Dr. Edmiston speaking on Surgical care bundle to reduce risk of infection.

A follow up meeting with be on July 15 on the same subject, let Kim Gambino if interested.

Outgoing-

- President- Judy Montello
- President Elect- Mary Anne Toledano
- Nominating Chair- Carrie Simpson
- Nominating committee- Sheila
Kim Conway
- Board Members- Roxanne McNally
Nora Lambert
- Treasurer- Melissa Guidry

Incoming

- President- Mary Anne Toledano
- President Elect- Roxanne McNally
- Nominating Committee Chair- Judy Montello
- Nominating Committee- Kim Conway
Kristi Guilliot
- Board Members- Melissa Guidry
Nora Lambert
Sheila Ostrow
- Treasure- Bobbi Carew
- Vice President- Sharon Guardina
- Officers- Nathalie Walker
Elaine Stock

Each new member accepted their duties as it relates to their roles.

Our motto is **STRONGER TOGETHER!**

March 2022 AORN CONGRESS in New Orleans. Mary Anne will reach out for assistance in making it a memorable experience for all.

July 17 Board meeting 10-2 at Ochsner on Jefferson Highway to discuss setting the schedule for the year.



INDEPENDENCE DAY



Trea\$urer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$ \$10,077.83

Deposits: \$ 0

Expenses: \$ 2,910.00 (AORN Expo Registrations)

Ending balance: \$ 7,167.83

Respectfully submitted,

**Bobbi Carew, BSN, RN
Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



Special thanks to Melissa Guidry, our outgoing treasurer.

***Do you shop on
Amazon?***

Did you know you can donate to the

AORN Foundation

with every purchase?

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

AORN



**Chapter
1902**

Board of Director's Meeting

July 17th, 10 AM – 2 PM

Ochsner Brent House

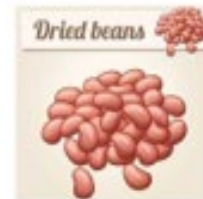
Conference Center, Jeff Hwy,

Caldwell-Burns Room, 2nd floor

(Park in the garage)

Everyone is invited!

Please bring ideas. And bring a non-perishable food item for the Second Harvest food bank.



(Each person is responsible for individual food purchases for lunch.)

★ Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★

Children's-Judy Montello
Lakeview-Christal Cook
Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade
Ochsner Baptist-Lauren Levert
Ochsner Elmwood-Kathy Blanchard
Crescent City-Melynda Nguyen

VA-Stephanie Wall
Touro-Cheryl Johnson
EJGH-Eddie Graebert
Tulane-Linda Levesque
UMC-Elaine Stock

We would like to encourage a member from
**Ochsner Jeff Hwy, Ochsner West Bank
and West Jeff**

and **all other facilities** to volunteer as a liaison to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email Melissa Guidry at guidrymelissa@yahoo.com or call her at 504-442-9747.

Thanks to those members listed above who have volunteered - you are **greatly** appreciated!



Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR, Continued from page 3

PERIOPERATIVE PRACTICE ISSUES

RN Circulator: We work to ensure every surgical patient has a dedicated perioperative registered nurse circulator for the duration of each operative and invasive procedure. Our team also actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the perioperative RN in the perioperative setting.

RN First Assistant: We support the expanded role of the RNFA by actively working to achieve reimbursement parity for RNFAs. RNFAs work in collaboration with the entire surgical team to achieve optimal patient outcomes nationwide and yet private payer reimbursement is only guaranteed in 17 states.

Professional Practice: We protect the perioperative registered nurse's scope of practice and patient safety by engaging in legislative, regulatory, agency, and other stakeholder approaches to RN education, certification, supervision, roles, competencies, and duties.

• HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Our team promotes the role of the perioperative registered nurse in achieving the shared goals of cost containment and improved patient experiences and outcomes, including safe pain control after surgery. Healthcare systems should recognize the contributions of the perioperative registered nurse in improving patient outcomes. AORN also promotes standardized data collection and analysis to advance improvements in patient safety and care quality

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans,
Chapter 1902- Legislative Chair

